

CORPORATE, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting: 14 June 2022
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Tom McGee (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Mike Hurleston (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Jilly Julian, Rory Leonard, Carole McCann, Tom Morrison, Ian Powney and
Kerry Waters.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 01 March 2022
were approved as correct record and signed by the Chair

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and Officers were invited to declare any interests which they had in any of the
items on the agenda for the meeting.

The following interest was declared:-

Personal Interest

Councillor

Interest

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| Tom Morrison | Agenda Item 14 – ‘Adswood Depot: Proposed Acquisition’ as a member of Cheadle. |
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3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

RESOLVED – That in order to prevent the disclosure of information which was not for
publication relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including
the authority), the disclosure of which would not be in the public interest, the public be
excluded from the meeting during consideration of the exempt information in the ‘not for
publication’ appendix to agenda item 14 ‘Adswood Depot: Proposed Acquisition’

4. PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES - Q4 2021/22 ANNUAL REPORTS

The Director of Place Management submitted a joint report of the Director and the
Corporate Director (Corporate & Support Services) & Deputy Chief Executive (copies of
which had been circulated) providing a summary of progress in delivering the portfolio
priorities, reform programme and other key projects since the final update report, with a
focus on the fourth quarter of the year (January to March). It includes out-turn performance
and financial data (where this is available) for the Portfolio, along with updates on the
portfolio savings programme.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources attended the meeting to respond to questions from the Scrutiny Committee.

It was commented that the Council were in a good position without any 'massive' overspends.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

5. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES - ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

The Corporate Director (Corporate and Support Services) & Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing a summary of progress in delivering the Council's priority outcomes and budget in the second half of the financial year, with a particular focus on the fourth quarter of 2021/22 (January – March 2022) and up to May where possible. It also reflected on the 2021/22 Council Plan, MTFP and Portfolio priorities and includes an executive summary and performance analysis, along with the out-turn position on revenue and capital, and a focus on highlights and exceptions during the year.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources attended the meeting to respond to questions from the Scrutiny Committee.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Members welcomed the report and stated that the Council were in a good place.
- Clarification was sought relating to the significant amount in the Council 'reserves'. In response, it was noted that the reserves were a critical part of the financial resilience and robustness of the Council, which has been reduced on recent years.
- Members enquired about the service provision and resilience and how it related to the sickness absence levels. In response, it was stated that some of it was covid related, however, a lot of work has gone into mental health and wellbeing for staff including a recent employee survey, the first in ten years.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

6. ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORT 2021-22

The Corporate Director (Corporate and Support Services) and the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an overview of complaints received by the Council and the lessons learnt from complaints during 2021-22.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources attended the meeting to respond to questions from the Scrutiny Committee.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- It was commented that there was an increase of complaints for 2019/20 – 2021/22 but the approach relating to the centralised team was good news including the replacement for the previous Complaints Manager.

- Members were happy with the holistic approach and the benefits that were being seen.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal and Democratic Governance) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing details relating to the LGA voluntary model code of conduct for members to adopt.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources attended the meeting to respond to questions from the Scrutiny Committee.

It was commented that the report had been previously considered by Corporate Governance, the Constitutional Working Party and the Standards Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance) Monitoring Officer submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing a composite of all the recommendations made by the Constitution Working Party for amendments to the Constitution arising out of the reports that went to each meeting.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources attended the meeting to respond to questions from the Scrutiny Committee.

It was commented that the report had also been considered by Corporate Governance, the Constitutional Working Party and the STAR Board.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM-UPDATE

The Director of Strategy submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing details relating to the background and context information relating to the Integrated Care Systems (ICS), including the opportunities for Stockport, the Greater Manchester ICS Model, Stockport's transition work and the emerging Stockport integrated health and care model. The report also provided a further update and description regarding the opportunities afforded by the new legislation; highlights the progress and recommendations made by the Shadow Locality Board and its constituent working groups; highlights the progress made at Greater Manchester level; and provides an overview of the future direction of Stockport's Locality arrangements.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources attended the meeting to respond to questions from the Scrutiny Committee.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- The Chair proposed that the Integrated Care System become a standard item on the agenda for each meeting to provide updates to the Committee.
- Members commented on the governance aspects of the report and that as a Committee not losing sight of the opportunity to influence change and improve.
- It was noted that the aims and policies identified in the report was key to its success including the governance and support that would be needed to develop the system.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Integrated Care System be included on the agenda for each meeting to provide updates and provide information as it develops.

10. STOCKPORT COUNCIL MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT 2021/22 - REVIEW AND REFRESH

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) briefly summarising the review process and presenting the third iteration of the Stockport Council Modern Slavery Statement, to cover the period up to 30th June 2023, and seeks committee's approval to adopt that refreshed statement.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources attending the meeting to respond to questions from the Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

11. THE COUNCIL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH HEALTH PARTNERS - CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

The Scrutiny Committee received an update on the Joint Scrutiny Review conducted by this Scrutiny Committee and Adults Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee in 2020/21 in addition to a Cabinet Response against these recommendations.

Members commented that the update was welcomed including the data sharing recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

12. SCRUTINY REVIEW TOPIC SELECTION

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out a suggested process for the selection of scrutiny review topics and an explanation as to how the reviews would be supported.

The Committee was invited to choose a topic for their next review.

RESOLVED – (1) That the members of the Scrutiny Committee be invited to submit their topics for the next review to the Democratic Services Officer within one week following the meeting.

(2) That following the suggestions authority be delegated to the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance), in consultation with the Chair, to recommend to Council the next scrutiny review and to appoint members to the Panel as necessary.

13. AGENDA PLANNING

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the planned agenda items for the Scrutiny Committee's next meeting and any relevant Forward Plan items.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) be requested to make arrangements for an item to be programmed onto the agenda for future meetings of the Scrutiny Committee in relation to the 'Integrated Care System'.

Item including information 'Not for Publication'

14. ADSWOOD DEPOT: PROPOSED ACQUISITION

The Director of Development & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update of the current status of the Council's two principal operational depot sites and make recommendations to consolidate the majority of operations currently located at Bird Hall Lane depot at the Adswood Depot, subject to the freehold purchase of the Adswood Depot.

Members welcomed the proposals to own the site rather than rent it and were happy with the payback investment over 18 years.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm.